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A Community Together

We last left you just before Investitures, which was as incredible a party as anticipated, and saw the crowning of Imperial Crown Prince 27 Mark and Imperial Crown Princesses 27 Binki and Krystall Ball. Ladonna did a great job and held a well-deserved stepdown, and Their Majesties Bobby and Endora hosted an evening enjoyed by all.

A big part of Bobby and Endora's year is about community togetherness, and already this year, they have a great opportunity to work with another group. Coming this month, the ISCWR and the Icebreaker Sports teams are holding their annual November dance. In conjunction with the Icebreaker tournament, this dance has proven a successful fundraiser for both groups, as well as being a great party for all those who attend. Be sure to check out the Icebreaker Dance Ad elsewhere in this issue.

The Court is also well known for great production shows, and this year will be no different. Rehearsals for the ISCWR production of Grease began over the past couple weeks, starring such favorites as



Binki and Krystall Ball, as well as newcomers such as Aaron Judgement and Connie Lingua. Grease will be playing in December so be sure to keep your eyes out for more information on that.

The court recently held an Appreciation Night for Eva (Douglas Mader) to celebrate her years of support and dedication. It was a wonderful evening, one that saw many old friends come out to congratulate Eva on being such an amazing individual. One thing made clear that night, Eva is definitely our favorite.

Edmonton was also represented in October at Toronto's Coronation. Emperor 24 Garry and Decade Emperor 17 (and 6 and 20 and Empress 25) Mr. Vera did a tremendous job. Fun was had by all. Edmonton will be represented at several other events out-of-town over the next 10 months, as Emperor 27 Bobby plans on going to Seattle, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, and Minneapolis. I "know" he'll be very respectable, and am sure that the other Edmontonians going along with him will be there to capture it all on film.

In addition to the several raffles in the works (Grey Cup, a quilt, etceteras), we in the court are definitely keeping busy. B a l l preparation has even begun already, and with the Elegant and Pretty Mr. Vera serving as Ball Co-ordinator, you can be sure that Edmonton's next Coronation will be a great party. Yes, the tradition of the wildest party children in Canada is definitely being maintained by the energy and enthusiasm of the 27th House.



In the December/January issue, I'll introduce you to your new monarchs in more depth, giving them the chance to convey in print their plans and hopes for the year. The Crystal-Clear Chilled Sambuca Emperor and the Wet and Wild Budwesier Queen, Empress What-a-pity have spent years working in the Court, and now that it's their chance to shine, they plan on shining brightly.

Good Times at The Roost and Boots - The Blue Room



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Dear Dr. Dyke

My partner is really close to her folks, but they live here in town, and it seems lately that they are dropping over more and more. I like them, but I feel like it's a little too much lately. Is there a way to tell my partner that more is not always better?

Signed, Chocolate Coated Peanut Butter Bio Protein Bar

Dear CCPBBPB,

For some lesbians, a visit from the in-laws is right up there with wearing slacks, the pelvic examination, taking the cats to the vet, and seeing an ex with her fabulous new gf. In the case of frequent family drop-ins, consider: a) not answering the phone every time they call; b) not answering the door ever again; or c) moving to a different city.

To truly enjoy the visits, be yourself, and plan activities you enjoy and can share with the family. In the case of Dr. Dyke's family, drinking springs to mind. Approaching your partner is a bit tricky. Maybe referring to her family's visits as double-dates might get her attention. A word of warning about moving to a different city-although it may feel good in that instant gratification way, eventually they will track you down, and stay with you for ENTIRE weekends!!

Dear Dr. Dyke,

The girl I'm dating right now seems to be morphing before my very eyes. When I met her, she was a cool boi, but now she's changing into I don't know what. She seems to be wimping out and going mainstream or something. She's even letting some of her piercing grow in. When I ask her what's going on, she just shrugs and says nothing. Should I be worried?

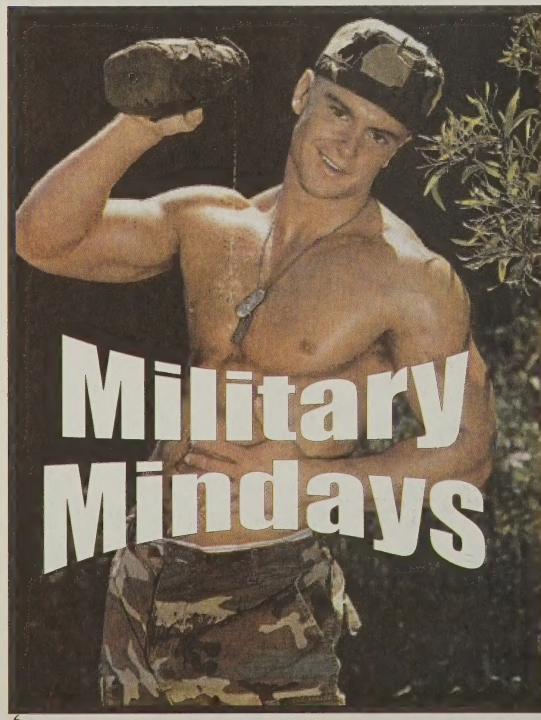
Signed Crunchy Peanut Butter Clif Bar,


Dear CPBCB,

Ahhh...your little baby dyke is growing up. Sometimes the little bois need to grow into

men, or women, or whatever is in between. Yes, it's pretty hard to imagine a 50 year-old woman wearing a backwards cap, with her nose pierced, but rest assured, Dr. Dyke will always have red Airwalks with matching red ball cap in the closet for those mornings at the farmer's market! Everyone needs to express themselves in a way that is true to them, and makes them as comfortable and happy as possible. If she decides she wants to wear cardigans or doilies or whatever, you must respect her decision and love her just the same. If she wants her piercings to grow in, so be it. If she decides that flannel is her favorite colour, fine, but remember to ditch the flannel bed sheets to avoid sparking a pesky house fire. If she wants to get a tattoo all over her back like in Red Dragon, be there with the antibacterial cream. (And maybe a coupon for therapy!) Maybe if it's bothering you so much, take a closer look at why you are with her, and how you express yourself. If she develops a taste for polyester...well, okay, there IS a limit to self-expression!

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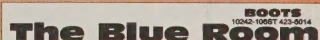
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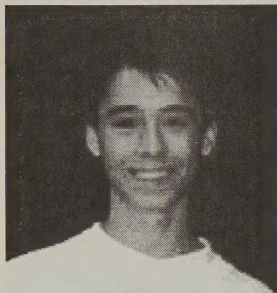


Raising money for people living with HIV and/or AIDS for the upcoming holiday season
and attempting to make you more aware

Jeffrey Dahmers In Suits

By Mike Schiller

Today's business leaders are currently divided into two



categories... those who have retained their humanity, and those who have relinquished it. While I commend those who still have a heart and remain true to the principles of human freedom, democracy, and love, this article is not about them. The good guys already know who they are.

This article is about the bad guys: the ones whose pressure is responsible for convincing the leaders of our nation to send the people of America to

their deaths in Iraq for no other reason than personal profit. Our citizens who unwittingly signed up for military service during peacetime are being asked to die so that oil companies and weapons manufacturers can make more money.

Actually let me rephrase that, so that the top executives at oil companies and weapons manufacturers can make more money, and possibly some of their investors.

What is profit... money... used for? Money is used to by consumable goods, including but not limited to food. A person who seeks to accumulate money by causing another person's death (i.e., sending them to war)

will use their money for what? To buy consumable goods, including food. That person is then no different from the cannibals of centuries past. They are inflicting death upon their fellow man and deriving sustenance from their fellow man's death. Just as cannibals inflict death upon their fellow man and derive sustenance from their fellow man's death. My point is that corporate America is overflowing with "Jeffrey Dahmers In Suits".

These people are sick, deranged, sociopaths with no capability for compassion or remorse. They are, through their decisions and so-called strategies, sentencing thousands of American youths to death. As it has been established that Saddam Hussein probably does have chemical weapons, is it not obvious that he is more likely to use them if he knows he will not be permitted to live? Who will he use these weapons on? Lower income children who were naive enough to sign up for military service because they needed the tuition reimbursement and didn't think there would ever be a war.

Does this concern the Jeffrey Dahmers in Suits? Not one bit. They don't care who dies, how they die, or what pain is inflicted upon whom. They only care that they will have the personal enjoyment of getting

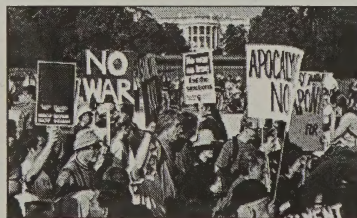
who drive by public schools at 4pm. You know which ones I'm talking about, the ones who try to persuade little boys to get into their car promising "I have a nice lollipop for you", only to have the boy's bones discovered in their refrigerator years later. In earlier centuries, this breed of human was the exact breed which openly cannibalized their own wives and children and called it a "delicacy".

The fact that these individuals have become so detached from humanity that death gives them so much pleasure should be of great concern to our society. Deranged maniacs are not only on the loose, they are in powerful positions where they are can do the MOST, not least, harm. They are not deterred by the prospect of being caught, they are invigorated by it. They

do not have a conscience; they prey on those who do. They are the single greatest threat to the people of America, and especially threatening to our children, for our

children are the ones they intend to sacrifice like lambs to their oil gods.

I believe that the SEC should include in its



what they want. These so-called business people, if not for their economic advantages, would otherwise have turned out to be those crazy men

corporate reform plan that executives within all companies be required to pass mental health examinations, at least once a year, in order to retain their positions. I also believe the same should be required of elected officials. Additionally, the mental health professionals of this country should exercise vigilance in detecting these sicknesses and responding to them before people's lives are placed in jeopardy. These

murderous cannibals walk freely among us, even as they prey upon our neighbours and our neighbours' children.

All of our national security problems would be solved

if these people could be admitted into psychiatric care, and given the help they need so that they can re-enter society as normal human beings. While in psychiatric care,



it is essential that they be required to attend group therapy sessions so they may learn to interact and relate with other humans in a positive, constructive manner.

When anyone says they support war because it

will boost a "profit margin", what they are really saying is they would like to kill people so they can consume what they obtain by causing that person's

death. Concerned citizens who overhear any such comments should phone their local hospital, and tell the doctors that someone is having

thoughts of hurting themselves or others. That is the criteria by which they can get

involuntary psychiatric care, and that is the only way they will get the care they need. If someone you know falls into this category, make the call and you'll be saving countless lives. Just because he or she wears a suit, or has a high level position, does not make them any less mentally ill, nor does it make them any less dangerous to the world in which they live. Oh, and whatever you do, do not vote for the ones who run for elected office either. That's even more dangerous than inviting them into your home. I'm not kidding, this is a serious problem.

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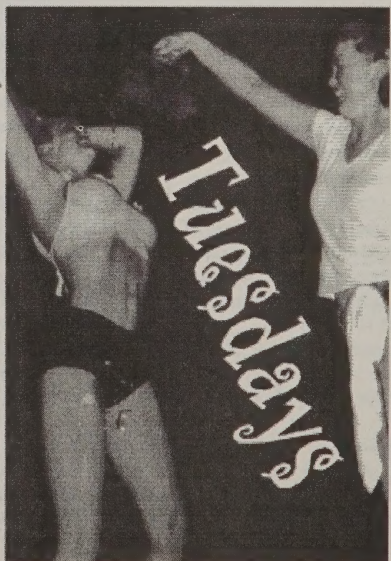
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This Is Our Democracy

**By Laurie Blakeman
MLA**

In early October, many Albertans were outraged over the firing of an Alberta doctor who had made public his endorsement of the Kyoto accord. You may recall that Dr. David Swan was fired by the Palliser Health Authority after he suggested that the "connection between human health and fossil-fuel burning is so strong that we have to put that together with Kyoto. We know that climate change is affecting us in a larger number of ways in terms of our health: extreme weather events and the damage, drought and changes in water and temperatures. Water quantity and water quality have direct impacts on peoples' health."

For some of us, this firing brought back memories of yet another firing by the Klein government. This time it was the Calgary Public School

Board, a democratically elected board fired in 1999 for refusing to balance its budget. Whenever these firings occur, talk runs rampant about the rise of the totalitarian state in Alberta and people begin to censor themselves to avoid risking government disapproval.

I think it's important we keep our eye on the ball in this debate. Yes, it's true that the government puts the chill on dissent, but it does it infrequently and in the case of Dr. Swann, it is often forced to back down from its stance after public outcry. The rest of the censorship, we do to ourselves. I've seen this self-censorship or self-limiting happen time and time again; when arts organizations chose one program over another to please funders; or when service organizations do not speak out when government programs affect their clients; even when I'm told that I wasn't invited to certain community functions because of fear of reprisal by government.

This is our democracy. It's ours to insist upon and we can't do that by hiding in the shadows for fear of what government will do - because the fact is the Klein Conservatives can't do much - unless we let them. Don't let them.

The Fall session of the Legislature will resume on November 19th and I expect it to be a very short session, likely only until early

December. I encourage you to come down to the Leg. and watch Question Period Monday through Thursday at 1:30 or the bill debates anytime until 5:30pm or after 8:00pm in the evening. Just call Penny at my office to arrange for a security pass.

The ever-popular Legislature grounds Christmas light up will likely be on Monday December 2nd at about 4:45. Come down to the Leg grounds for cocoa, choirs and the turning on of the lights.

If you would like to be on an email list for me to send you copies of questions asked in Question Period, let me

know which issues you are interested in and please send me your email address and let me know whether you are a constituent or where in Alberta you live.

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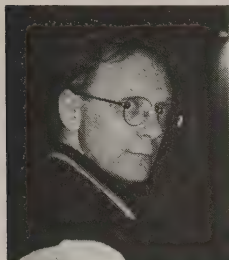
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Moving On

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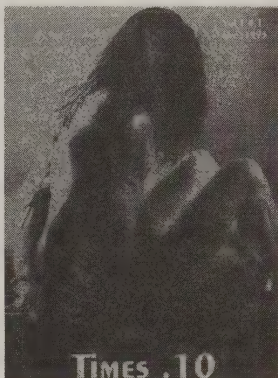
Lots of changes take place in our lives and right now I am going through one of them. There are many rumours floating around so let me tell it to you from the source. I am in the process of selling my business Pride Video. It is almost complete and things will change somewhat. Many of you know Tyson Rudd and will get to know him even more as he will be taking over as the store Manager. Pride Video will remain 100% gay owned and operated.

What does this mean to me and to you? Several things will happen, one of them being that Times .10 Magazine will be

moving from its location at Pride Video. Over the years Times .10 has had its home office at the store and has never had to pay any rent and no utility bills. Pride Video covered all of those costs including a computer and all the needed space and storage. All of our back issues and archives will remain at the store until a suitable storage area is found. Our phone number and fax number will remain the same once it is moved. Mail can also be sent to the current address and we will keep you posted once our new location is set up. Our e-mail addresses will also remain the same as that is the way that most people keep in touch with us. All of this will happen during the early weeks of November and things are happening as we put together this issue.

I have a number of other ventures that I wish to pursue and will continue to volunteer my time to the Times .10 Publications Society and its main production Times .10 Magazine. Along with this comes the Website that now contains over 500 pages and that is a job unto

itself. I feel that it is important to continue the work that we set out to do in 1993 when we formed the non-profit society. Our community has grown during those years and it is my belief that as the Capital City we must maintain our own independent media as



an outreach to our community.

People are important and it is with the help of a lot of people that this society keeps on going. Every article written, picture

taken, artwork and ads are created by people who are not only a part of our community in Edmonton but are also a part of our community world wide. It did not start that way, as it took us almost four months, just to get the first issue out. You will see some subtle and some not so subtle changes in Times .10 as I will have more time to work with people in our community. I say "our community" because we are a diverse group and rather than use a lot of initials that nobody understands, it is our policy to be inclusive.

Sometimes it is difficult to understand that every issue of Times .10 requires hundreds of people to publish. It is not about one person but very much about all the supporters, writers, production and printing personnel that make every copy available. To all those people I say thank you and we look forward to the changes.

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From Somewhere in the Middle

Of Sashes and Tiaras

Mike Sinnott

Someone asked me the other day what the point of being Mr. Edmonton Leather was? In fact, what do all us "title holder" types do anyway? With those two questions in mind, I thought I would shed some light on what we do, what is expected of us and why I did it.

In Edmonton alone, there are quite a few titles to run for. Not only is there Mr. and Ms. Edmonton Leather, but there are various titles handed out by the bars, and the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose. There are the Empress and Emperor, Mr. and Ms. Gay Edmonton, Entertainer of the Year, and so on and so forth.

So what is the point? Well, in the regular world, they have Miss Universe, Mr. Universe, Politicians, Royalty, celebrities, and the like. These people run around and try and help the world at large. Most do so by bringing attention to a charity they feel close to. They also tend to bring some form of either prestige or attention to their hometown.

So why have titleholders in our community? Well, the gay community has always had its own causes near and dear to its heart. Many of these causes have either been ignored or shut down by the straight community as a whole. It's largely the gay community that has funded the fight for gay rights. Through various fundraisers, we have paid for the legal battles that have brought us to the point where

our relationships are now being more recognized legally. It was the gay community that started raising money and attention in the fight against AIDS. We have funded our community centers and sport groups. Many of the fundraisers have been helped along by having a titleholder either involved or at the helm.

To try and get this point across, let me try and bring to you the three things I am trying to get done this year as Mr. Edmonton Leather. Remember, this is what I am looking at doing. Every titleholder brings their own personality and strengths during their year in the public eye. Here goes mine.

One is to bring more visibility to leather. Leather is an often misunderstood segment of the community. Leather itself has such a broad meaning. My job this year is to try and educate people, especially those who are interested in getting involved in the leather scene, about all the aspects of this lifestyle. This is done either through workshops, like Tops & Bottom being held next month by Northern Chaps. It is also done through events and by just getting out and talking to people. What being a titleholder does is gives me that opening in the door. Bars seem much more willing to allow me to hold an event if they know I am Mr. Edmonton Leather.

Second is to bring more visibility to the gay community of Edmonton in general. Perhaps you may have not noticed but Alberta, and

Edmonton as a whole, is booming. In that great influx of people that are moving to Alberta this year, a chunk of them will be gay. These are often people who have lived in Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. They are coming here either for a change of pace or for work. It is vital that we promote gay life here, and stop this constant out flux of people who leave here cause Edmonton is "lame". Edmonton is not lame, it's different. Edmonton is not Toronto, or San Francisco, nor does it need to be. We have an albeit small, but vibrant gay life, and for those who's world expands beyond bars and baths, there are so many things and organizations to enjoy. When I

do, but to help raise money so they can do their work. Large scale title holders (Mr. International Leather comes to mind), are often a drawing card to charity events all over North America, Europe and Australia.

So why all this info? Well look at this as a help wanted ad. One thing that seems to reign supreme in the gay world these days is apathy. People want an Emperor and Empress; they want Mr. and Ms. Edmonton Leather. They enjoy the shows, they appreciate the charity work. Yet it seems to be harder and harder to get people interested in running for these titles. Yes it can be a great deal of work, and the out of pocket expense can be high. In return, however, you get a great

deal of satisfaction from doing good work. Also, you often get to meet some interesting folk both in and out of town. As the year rolls along, I hope to see more of you out and about. Also, think about getting involved. There are many great gay organizations in this city that need your help and support.

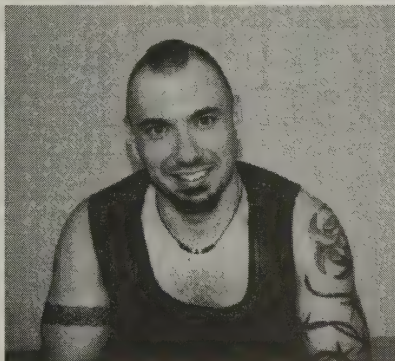
As for what is going on in the next little while?

E.C.U.M. Meets at Boots on the second Saturday of the month. They are sponsoring a Toy Drive in early December, with the main event being a Jail & Bail night at Boots on Saturday, December 14. Toys for Tots on Sunday the 15th. Info at www.wyldbear.com/ECUM/index.html

Edmonton O Society has their munches twice a month at the Garage Burger and Grill (and Boots). In November, they will be on Sunday, November 3rd, and on Wednesday, November 13.

There is also a small, but festive, (it is a Wednesday night after) leather night on Wednesdays at Boots. If you want to know more about being Mr. Edmonton Leather, pop by and say hello.

Hope to see you out and about.



travel, I try to tell people that this is a great place to be, and that they should come for a visit, or consider the job offer they got from one of Edmonton's growing companies. Alberta, at times, has a bad rep from gays who see this province as right wing and gay unfriendly. We need to try and change some of those perceptions.

Third, and perhaps for me the most important, is to do work for charity. My two charities of choice this year have been HIV Edmonton and Living Positive. Titleholders past and present have chosen an array of groups to raise money for. We use our titles to not only bring attention to the work these organizations

Edmonton Pride Week Society News!

introducing the Executive Committee for 2002-03:

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Female Co-Chair: Erin Kardolus

Treasurer: Ross Correia

Secretary: Rob Browatzke

Volunteer Co-ordinator: Marla Taylor

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**Where: Sublime
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Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

Monthly General Meeting
to start planning Pride 2003

When: Thurs. Nov. 28

**Where: Sublime
10147 104 St.**

Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

Pride Week 2003: June 13 - 22

God Doesn't Play Favourites!

**Rev. Mickey Wilson –
Lambda Christian
Community Church**

Churches everywhere are deeply divided over the inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people in the church. The conflict arises out of how we use the Bible.

Those that suggest homosexuality is a sin will quote Leviticus 20:13 in the Old Testament which reads, "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death". Many interpreters will assert that the first half of the verse, "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination" is culturally relevant for our day, warning us of contemporary moral decay, even if the verse was written 3,000 years ago. At the same time they'll insist that the second half of the verse, "they shall be put to death" is the quaint relic of an ancient past that is obviously not relevant for today. Tragically, some have found interpretative consistency in their hatred. The murder of Matthew Shepherd or the hateful slogans used by Fred Phelps would seem to echo that Old Testament theme. Many have quoted Leviticus as justification for their violence and hatred toward GLBT people.

If the Old Testament becomes too problematic for those looking to justify discrimination against us, they will turn to the New Testament, often quoting the first chapter of Romans, in which Paul describes what happens to those who practice idolatry. Along with references to same gender intimacy Paul writes; "They were filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice...envy, murder, strife, deceit, craftiness, they are gossips, slanderers, God haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents....those who practice such things deserve to die...." (Romans 1:18-32).

Ironically those who suggest that Paul's wrath should be taken literally towards GLBT people rarely apply the same invective "...those who practice such things deserve to die..." to "gossips" and "rebellious children" otherwise we would have very few people left to attend our schools and churches! Sadly we ignore Paul's profound words in the very next verse, "Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourselves, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things." (Romans 2:1)

When sacred, ancient words are used to justify human fears, anger and prejudices, it is an act of violence. Such hermeneutic has nothing to do with God, "biblical authority" or shallow definitions of righteousness.

Listen to what Peter has to say in the 10th chapter of the book of Acts. It describes the encounter between the apostle Peter and Cornelius, a Roman

centurion. Peter is a Jewish follower of Jesus as the Messiah. Cornelius is a devout and generous gentile, sincerely interested in Judaism but considered a pagan or "infidel" by orthodox Jewish standards. By Jewish law in the Old Testament, Peter should have nothing to do with one such as Cornelius; shouldn't enter his home, shouldn't share a meal, shouldn't even shake his hand, or Peter would be defiled. Yet angels and the spirit speak to both men with new and astonishing truth. In spite of centuries of religious instruction regarding the Jewish dietary laws in the Old Testament, Peter is told that he may eat and touch anything, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." Encountering Cornelius for the

want God and are ready to do as God says, the door is open." (verses 34-35) The Holy Spirit moves the faithful to radically re-interpret their own scriptures. The Holy Spirit moves two men who were strangers and ritually estranged to become brothers. The Holy Spirit reveals through Jesus all people receive forgiveness and new life.

God's love is not offered on the basis of what the Bible said in the past, on the basis of one's religion, nationality, gender or class. Anyone who "wants" God...anyone who is open to the dynamic reality of the Living God in our lives...and anyone who does what is required, justice, mercy and humility, is



first time, Peter says, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean." (verse 28) Peter enters Cornelius' home, something forbidden for a Jew, and burst out his good news, "It's God's own truth, nothing could be more plain: God plays no favourites! It makes no difference who you are or where you are from – if you

acceptable to God. God shows no partiality.

Now are these ancient and sacred words culturally relevant for our times? Or is this "gay, transgendered liberal" preacher manipulating them for his own theological and political agenda? It is a fair question if I am going to apply it to others. In the end the answer resides in you. We all have to ask ourselves, "What is God speaking to us today?"

We don't just take the words of anyone, preacher or not, as the final authority of the Bible. It belongs to all of us, not just the so-called experts. And its meaning is found in our relationship with God.

The spirit and truth of the Bible isn't found merely in the ink of its pages. The Word of God is a dynamic and living spirit discovered in its reading, unleashed in community, heard in the heart as well as the head. It moved the faithful to oppose and end slavery centuries ago in spite of the Bible's words. It moved the faithful to insist that woman be allowed to vote in this country a century ago and still struggles for their full inclusion in equality in spite of the Bible's words. It moved a nation to

confront its own racism and end legal segregation fifty years ago.

One of that nation's greatest prophets, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., stood up boldly and dreamed that one day we would judge his children "not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character".

Would that people of faith would apply the same ethic in our churches.

I pray that one day, as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people, we will be judged by our character, not just our sexual orientation. I pray that the churches and communities of faith will some day soon end its hypocritical policies of denying ordination to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and

restricting our access to churches for the purposes of celebrating our commitments with each other. I pray that people of faith will listen to the living spirit of God when sacred and ancient words rather than using them to justify their fears and bias.

God shows no partiality. God has opened the door that the churches continue to bolt shut. We have seen enough of what the world will do when it uses religion as the pretext for violence. But God's truth will prevail and we must continue to respond to God's call and seek justice for all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAFE SPACES Youth Group: **For GLBT and straight youth 14 – 18 to explore spirituality, faith**

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SPIRITUAL FRUITS

Youth Group: For young GLBT adults ages 18 – 24 exploring spirituality, values, coming out, relationships, family and how to navigate through these years in a healthy way by taking care of your spirit 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month 7:30 – 9:30 PM.

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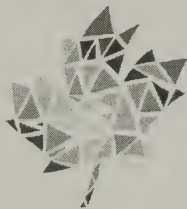
From *EGALE*

Statistics Canada released today the results of the 2001 Census, which, for the first time ever, asked a question about same-sex relationships. The results show a total of 34,200 same-sex common-law couples reporting their relationships, representing 0.5% of couples that reported. About 15% of lesbian couples and 3% of

gay male couples reported raising children. Today's figures are higher than the results obtained the first time the question was asked in the United States (0.3% in 1990) or in New Zealand (0.4% in 1996). Reporting of same-sex couples increased by more than 300% in the United States from the first time the question was asked in 1990 to the second time it was asked in 2000, when 1% of couples reported being in a same-sex relationship.

"We welcome today's results as a first step towards building a national profile of the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities," said John Fisher, Executive Director of Egale, a national organization committed to advancing equality and justice for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people, and

their families, across Canada. "Although today's results provide only a minimum baseline of the number of same-sex couples willing to self-identify to the government, 34,000 couples, or 68,000 individuals, still represents a population the size of a town like Drummondville,



North Bay or Red Deer. Also significant is the fact that the census shows same-sex couples reporting their relationships in every province and territory of

Canada, from 12,500 couples in Ontario to 15 couples in Nunavut, and everywhere in-between. Same-sex couples were also reported in virtually every federal riding of Canada, which sends a powerful message to Members of Parliament - some of whom believe that lesbian, gay and bisexual issues do not affect their rural ridings - that same-sex couples are an integral part of Canadian family life, in communities large and small, rural and urban, across the country." "The fact that the question was asked at all is significant," said Jérôme St-Denis, who has been in a same-sex relationship with Fisher for more than 7 years. "When John and I filled out the 1996 census, we were excluded, and felt marginalized and invisible. The 2001 Census was a chance for

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us to count ourselves in, and see our relationship recognized by our government. That in itself is an indication of how much has changed in recent years. The Census represents how we see ourselves as Canadians and is a reflection of our national identity. All Canadians can take pride in the fact that our country's national profile includes same-sex couples."

"It is important to emphasize that our right to equality does not depend on a numbers game or a popularity contest - it is guaranteed by the Constitution," added Fisher. "We also recognize that there will be significant under-reporting of same-sex relationships this first time the question is

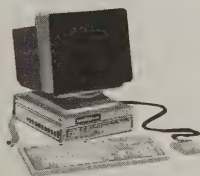
asked. Many lesbians, gays and bisexuals are not comfortable identifying themselves to their family, friends or employers, let alone the federal government. We have to remember that this is a government which, even today, is facing us across a courtroom, fighting to maintain discriminatory marriage laws. The fact that 15% of lesbian couples and 3% of gay male couples are parenting children totally undermines the government's argument that same-sex couples should be denied the right to marry because they are not parenting children." Egale also pointed out that the census results only address cohabiting same-sex couples, not lesbians, gays or bisexuals who are single, or who are not cohabiting with a partner. Nor do the census results contain any information on transgendered Canadians



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Dignity Edmonton

This Edmonton chapter is a support community for gay and lesbian Catholics and friends. Contact Bernard at 451-1794 or Joseph at 481-4218

Edmonton Prime Timers

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Edmonton Rainbow Business Association (ERBA):

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Edmonton Vocal Minority

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HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton)

HIV Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country who are working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. HIV Edmonton utilizes a best practices Harm Reduction approach in Health Promotion, Advocacy and Support, as well as, maintaining an

extensive Resource Centre for use by health practitioners, health promoters, community organizations and those infected and affected by HIV. For more information on the activities of HIV Edmonton, please call (780) 488-5742 or contact us by email at mail@hivedmonton.com. Visit our Website at HIV Edmonton <http://www.hivedmonton.com/>

Illusions Social Club

A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club, Box 356, Main Post Office, Edmonton, AB, T5J 2J6. Phone: 424-2685 to talk to someone person to person.

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ICARE Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources & Education

Formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS, the purpose of ICARE is to enhance the well-being of people affected by HIV by offering resources and opportunities for education to service providers and communities. You can contact us at 780-448-1768 or by e-mail at icare@oanet.com

Lambda Christian Community Church

We are a non-denominational Christian church. Providing a safe and healing space for Edmonton's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Christians and their friends 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Place) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p. m. e-mail at lamdachurch@shaw.ca

Living Positive

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail: livepos@telusplanet.net.

Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call 426-0905, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: lylemillang@powersurfr.com

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Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and women was established sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddy's Nite Club the 1st and 3rd

Saturday of each month. E-mail us at: Northernchaps@telusplanet.net

OUTreach

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the second cup on campus. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by e-mail: outreach@ualberta.ca. They also have a WebPages at OUTreach U of A <http://www.ualberta.ca/~outreach>

Youth Understanding Youth

We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the gay and lesbian Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input, e-mail: yuyedm@hotmail.com. Our WebPages are at Youth Understanding Youth <http://www.virtue.nu/yuy/>

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Regional Organizations

Grande Prairie

Gay and Lesbian Community, Box 1492, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z3. E-mail: gpgayorg@hotmail.com

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Box 2827, Yellowknife, NT., X1A 2R2, Phone line: 867-669-7279. WebPages: <http://www.yellowknife.com/ptartan/outnorth.htm> E-mail: out_north69@hotmail.com

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I'm pissed off!

Why?

**Robert Wm. Smith
HIV Edmonton**

AIDS Awareness Week 2002 is focusing on stigma; stigma caused by HIV, stigma attached to the lifestyles that are attributed to the spread of HIV and stigma associated with our own perceptions about HIV. And, when I think about it all, I get really pissed off.

I'm pissed off because, still, in 2002/3 we are dealing with HIV/AIDS as if it arrived yesterday; few successes, no plans.

I'm pissed off because, after 20 years of finger pointing, the stigma still remains...this is a gay man's disease and I am not a gay man.

I am pissed off because in 2002, 20 years after the recognition of HIV as the devil among us, we are still dealing with the phenomena of stigmatization, a multi-faceted layer of

discrimination, as a means of addressing the issue.

I'm pissed off because even today, at its height, a good number of moralists believed that HIV was a great way of dealing with the "gay issue".

I'm pissed off because a sexual culture that evolved from being kicked in the teeth in back alleys remains a definitive sexual fantasy.

I'm pissed off because we treat sexual addiction as a lifestyle choice while smoking gets to be a habit.

I'm pissed off because the glory holes haven't been boarded over and because you want them to be.

I'm pissed off because after centuries of discrimination, stone throwing and death, you still don't understand why we have bathhouses.

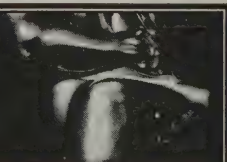
I'm pissed off because on the grand scale, all of the hype over how gay/bisexual/MSM men have sex with one another garners more attention with the "moral arbiters" than the outright exploitation of Edmonton's most vulnerable.

I'm pissed off that most straight guys see me as a "bottom".

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I'm pissed off because I am looking through a book by Stephen E. Goldstone, M.D. called *"The Ins and Outs of Gay Sex: A Medical Handbook for Men"* and

I'm pissed off because, Joe, who has been sneaking into our offices for the past three years, is still sneaking in because he isn't gay and he sure doesn't want "the street" to know he has HIV. Being gay is not acceptable.

I'm pissed off because few in our community ever experienced the giggles of discussing the latest infatuation with their

parents, siblings, peers, teachers, advisers, in fact, anyone.

I'm pissed off because our community began the fight against HIV/AIDS and in the end is left to deal with the absence of community because of it.

I'm pissed off that you don't care.

I'm pissed off because the one resource centre we have in our midst is struggling to survive due to apathy, internalized homophobia, self-imposed isolationism, misperception and did I say

apathy and very shallow pockets.

I'm pissed off I have to recognize that you don't care.

I'm pissed off because it took something as absolutely cruel as HIV/AIDS to draw attention to the rights and lives of our communities and all they could look at was the sex.

I'm pissed off because in households throughout Edmonton, our youth are being shut out of their own lives because it is known that they like to "do it" with the

same sex...they're gay, dykes, fags, queers, name it...!

I'm pissed off because some out there among you who are reading this drivel are going to say "cry me a river" or "tough, get over it".

I'm pissed off because after 20 years of harping, you still don't think that HIV is about you.

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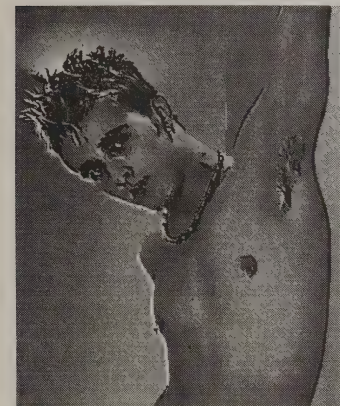
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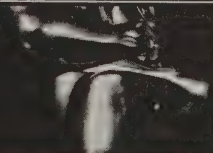
the majority of you think it is about HIV/AIDS.

I'm pissed off because throughout the world, in numbers too great to fathom, HIV/AIDS is changing the face of cultures, of peoples, of political institutions and of apathy.

I'm pissed off because at the end of the day, when I think I've done all I can, I've done nothing substantial to reduce the risk of 23 year old Jake from being the next to fall to this virus.

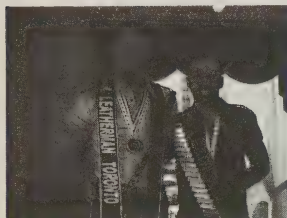
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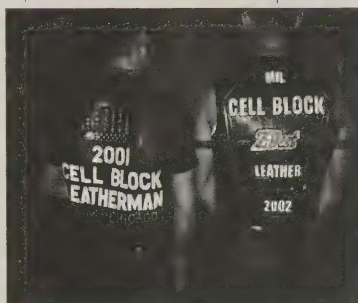
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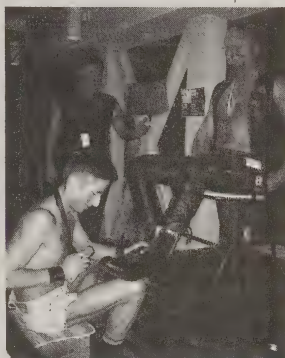
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S. Berman

Dear Room 238, I am not your regular maid. She will be back tomorrow, Thursday, from her day off. I took the 3 hotel soaps out of the shower soap dish as you requested. The 6 bars on your shelf I took out of your way and put on top of your Kleenex dispenser in case you should change your mind. This leaves only the 3 bars I left today which my instructions from the management is to leave 3 soaps daily. I hope this is satisfactory.
Kathy, Relief Maid

Dear Maid—I hope you are my regular maid. Apparently Kathy did not tell you about my note to her concerning the little bars of soap. When I got back to my room this evening I found you had added 3 little Camays to the shelf under my medicine cabinet. I am going to be here in the hotel for two weeks and have brought my own bath-size Dial so I won't need those 6 little Camays which are on the shelf. They are in my way when shaving, brushing teeth, etc.

Please remove them. S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman, My day off was last Wed. so the relief maid left 3 hotel soaps which we are

instructed by the management. I took the 6 soaps which were in your way on the shelf and put them in the soap dish where your Dial was. I put the Dial in the medicine cabinet for your convenience. I didn't remove the 3 complimentary soaps which are always placed inside the medicine cabinet for all new check-ins and which you did not object to when you checked in last Monday. Please let me know if I can of further assistance.

Your regular maid, Dotty

Dear Mr. Berman, The assistant manager, Mr. Kensedder, informed me this A.M. that you called him last evening and said you were unhappy with your maid service. I have assigned a new girl to your room. I hope you will accept my apologies for any past inconvenience. If you have any future complaints please contact me so I can give it my personal attention. Call extension 1108 between 8AM and 5PM. Thank you.
Elaine Carmen Housekeeper

Dear Miss Carmen, It is impossible to contact you by phone since I leave the hotel for business at 745 AM and don't get back before 530 or 6PM. That's the reason I called Mr. Kensedder last night. You were already off duty. I only asked Mr. Kensedder if he could do anything about those little bars of soap. The new maid you assigned me must have thought I was a new check-in today, since she left another 3 bars of hotel soap in my medicine cabinet along with her regular delivery of 3 bars on the bath-room shelf. In just 5 days here I have accumulated 24 little bars of soap. Why are you doing this to me?

S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman, Your maid, Kathy, has been instructed to stop delivering soap to your room and remove the extra soaps. If I can be of further assistance, please call extension 1108 between 8AM and 5PM. Thank you,
Elaine Carmen, Housekeeper

Dear Mr. Kensedder, My bath-size Dial is missing. Every bar of soap was taken from my room including my own bath-size Dial. I came in late last night and had to call the bellhop to bring me 4 little Cashmere Bouquets.
S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman, I have informed our housekeeper, Elaine Carmen, of your soap problem. I cannot understand why there was no soap in your room since our maids are instructed to leave 3 bars of soap each time they service a room. The situation will be rectified immediately. Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience
Martin L. Kensedder
Assistant Manager

Dear Mrs. Carmen, Who the hell left 54 little bars of Camay in my room? I came in last night and found 54 little bars of soap. I don't want 54 little bars of Camay. I want my one damn bar of bath-size Dial. Do you realize I have 54 bars of soap in here. All I want is my bath size Dial. Please give me back my bath-size Dial.

S. Berman

Dear Mr. Berman, You complained of too much soap in your room so I had them removed. Then you complained to Mr. Kensedder that all your soap was missing so I personally returned them. The 24 Camays which had been taken

and the 3 Camays you are supposed to receive daily (sic). I don't know anything about the 4 Cashmere Bouquets. Obviously your maid, Kathy, did not know I had returned your soaps so she also brought 24 Camays plus the 3 daily Camays. I don't know where you got the idea this hotel issues bath-size Dial. I was able to locate some bath-size Ivory which I left in your room.

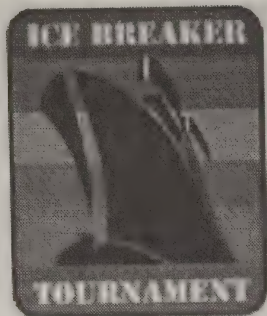
Elaine Carmen Housekeeper

Dear Mrs. Carmen, Just a short note to bring you up-to-date on my latest soap inventory.

As of today I possess:

- On shelf under medicine cabinet - 18 Camay in 4 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 2.
- On Kleenex dispenser - 11 Camay in 2 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 3.
- On bedroom dresser - 1 stack of 3 Cashmere Bouquet, 1 stack of 4 hotel-size Ivory, and 8 Camay in 2 stacks of 4.
- Inside medicine cabinet - 14 Camay in 3 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 2.
- In shower soap dish - 6 Camay, very moist.
- On northeast corner of tub - 1 Cashmere Bouquet slightly used.
- On northwest corner of tub - 6 Camays in 2 stacks of 3.

Please ask Kathy when she services my room to make sure the stacks are neatly piled and dusted. Also, please advise her that stacks of more than 4 have a tendency to tip. May I suggest that my bedroom window will be not in use and will make an excellent spot for future soap deliveries. One more item, I have purchased another bar of bath-sized Dial which I am keeping in the hotel vault in order to avoid further misunderstandings.
SS. Berman



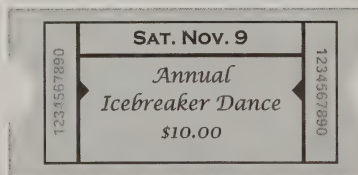
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Speaking of Normal

By Liz Massiah MSW, RSW

Our presence is largely invisible in the world, as is our history. This came home to me on a recent visit to Mississauga to give my stepmother some respite from caring for my 93-year-old father. He is still in pretty good shape, albeit pretty short of memory. But I did see him checking out a very attractive woman (who I also was noticing) as she crossed the street. I commented on her and we both chuckled.

Part of the visit was to go to Alliston, Ont., to meet with a distant cousin, who has done extensive work on my mother's family history. Now, I got quite lost in the details, but I think this woman is the wife of a second cousin of mine. Anyhow, she had been quite keen on doing this story and had spent many, many hours researching and photocopying information. She gave me a set and it fills three large binders, and according to Westjet's scales, the box weighed 25 pounds. That's a lot of genealogy.

Now Helen, the researcher had visited my brother in BC a few years ago to gather information. For each of his son's there was the information on their dates

of birth, their wives names and so forth, neatly listed.

For me, my life seems to have stopped when I married and divorced. Now I am sure my brother told her about my relationship with my partner, but not a peep appears in the records.

The trip to Alliston took place on a hot, humid day and as we sat in the living room chatting after lunch (Dad reclined on the sofa and snored through most of the visit), Helen showed me the work. When we came to the research page with my name on it, I smiled and said "Oh, let me tell you the date of the divorce, and the name of my partner, Anna, and our anniversary date". The silence was amazing, broken only by snores from Dad. I continued to smile and fumbled around for pen and paper to provide the relevant dates.

Now interestingly, Helen's granddaughter was there visiting, with her new baby. The baby was born "out of wedlock" and the granddaughter seemed very accepted and welcomed, and the baby's name and the dad's name were already entered.

Later we trotted off to the local cemetery to view my grandfather's gravesite. As I wandered around, I wondered how many of our stories of love and devotion have not been told, have not been recorded. In that wee cemetery alone there were several gravestones of "single" people and I wondered about their stories.

A recent report in the Edmonton Journal spoke

about the census data that for the first time notes our established relationships. The folks interviewed had some concerns about the information being used against us, but I celebrate every way we can get counted, enumerated, noticed and can take up our space. Being counted as in relationship makes a difference on many levels. It causes the counter to stop and think about our existence, the report writer to pause and consider our presence, the reader to notice us and society to have one less way in which to avoid us. In other columns I have touched on some questions I have on why we want to emulate the institution of heterosexual marriage but if we can get married, registered or whatever, then we are more countable and thus more powerful.

Genealogy is a huge passion for many. While visiting my Dad, I also visited good friends, both of whom are librarians. We were chuckling about some of their retirement plans to be like the many "little old couples" who come into libraries, "just looking for some information on Uncle Harold". So, a challenge and an invitation — do your genealogy, make sure you get counted and noted in your own families records, speak up at census time...and be counted.

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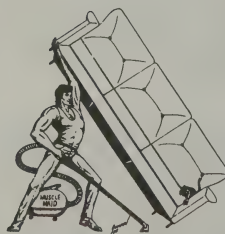
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Women In The Life

By Bob Witeck

Women in the Life, Inc., DC's premiere lesbian of colour event Management Company and magazine, today announced a new non-profit arm, the Women in the Life Association. The new Association consists of various community groups and individuals throughout the country, who advocate and support the needs of lesbians and women of colour who partner with women. The Association will provide information referral, program sponsorship, and association benefits.

"Lesbians of colour and women of colour who partner with women have long been ignored in our struggle for equality. This is long overdue. We desperately need a national non-profit organization to voice our concerns and represent

our underserved community," said Sheila Alexander-Reid, Women in the Life founder. "I've been in business in this community for nine years, and witnessed the difficulties and disparities we face. It became clear that my for-profit company alone could not adequately address these problems. Our voices are louder when we are banded together. Women in the Life's goals are to organize everyone so that we are like a fist, with many fingers, but ultimately, one unit. We don't speak for our affiliate members, but we will make it possible for their voices to be heard. We'll teach them how to organize in their own town. We will be the circuitry that helps lesbians and women of colour who partner with women engage with each other no matter where they are.

A needs-assessment survey conducted by The Women in the Life Association during DC's recent Black Pride found that one of the most common problems in the community was a lack of connection with other lesbians

and women of colour who partner with women. To address this, the Women in the Life Association just launched their new website - womeninthelife.org providing a worldwide forum for these women to connect, exchange ideas, socialize and network. The website will further serve as an information resource for finding local, national, and international organizations, events and services of interest to cater to the lesbian of colour and women of colour who partner with women. The Association endeavours to create a space, both virtually and physically, for women to craft art that speaks to our particular interests.

The Fall Tea Party is a fundraiser that will give the members of the community a chance to mix and mingle in a historic setting while learning about the Association. Another signature event is planned for summer 2003. The gala event will include presentation of the First Annual JAZ awards. JAZ is named after June (Jordan), Audre (Lorde), and Zora (Neale Hurston), three, independent, strong-minded heroes who have paved the way for future

generations of women. JAZZYs will be awarded to women who have exhibited extraordinary dedication and passion in the fight for equality. For information or reservation call 202-483-9818.

Women in the Life, Inc. (WITL) was created in 1993 as an events management company because there were no safe spaces for lesbians of colour to socialize, network and share their sisterhood. WITL brings these women together through informal social events such as poetry and spoken word sessions, dances, community fund-raisers, trips, and workshops in a safe space. Later in the same year, WITL created an information resource, its monthly publication - Women in the Life magazine. WITL has received numerous awards and media recognition, as well as a highly competitive grant from the Avon Foundation and The Mautner Project.

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Soulforce Gathered outside Baptist Church in Prayerful Vigil

The first-ever pride festival in Jerry Falwell's hometown. The following morning 150 people stood in prayerful vigil for four hours outside Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church. Vigilers also stood with signs and banners that read "Stop Spiritual Violence," "Southern Baptist Teachings are Killing God's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Children," and several others, including quotes from Gandhi. Soulforce is a national movement committed to ending spiritual violence perpetuated by religious policies and teachings against gay, lesbian, bi-

sexual and transgender people. National and regional groups and individuals from across the United States joined together for the weekend events.

Dozens of students from Lynchburg-area high schools and colleges joined residents and Soulforce supporters from as far away as Hawaii to participate in the pride event. Several local high school and college students also joined with Soulforce supporters to participate in the vigils in front of Thomas Road Baptist Church on Sunday morning. "The purpose of the weekend events was to alert, educate, and begin to mobilize the residents of Lynchburg to stand up and speak out against the toxic rhetoric spoken by Christian fundamentalists like Rev. Jerry Falwell," said Rev. Mel White, co-founder of Soulforce Inc. "The pride event celebrated who we are and who God created us to be. The vigils called attention to the fact that fundamentalist rhetoric leads to violence and suffering for God's GLBT Children."

In a press conference on Saturday, Rev. White said that several gay-friendly groups are taking root in Lynchburg now, including a PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) chapter, a Soulforce local group, and a "safe haven" for gay teen-agers. Also participating in the press conference were Art Scott, an "out and proud" graduate of Falwell's Liberty University, Faisal Alam, the founder and director of Al-Fatiha, an international organization for GLBTQ Muslims, and Rev. Roger Zimmerman, pastor of First Christian Church, the host church for the Soulforce weekend in Lynchburg. Rev. Mel White and his life-partner Gary Nixon moved into a home across the street from Thomas Road Baptist Church in September and have been attending morning worship services there every Sunday. Rev.

White had ghost-written the autobiographies for Jerry Falwell and other Christian fundamentalist before he reconciled his sexual orientation with his Christian faith. During the weekend, 2,000 pamphlets written by Mel White, titled "What the Bible Says — and Doesn't Say — About

Homosexuality," were distributed throughout Lynchburg during the pride event, passed out in front of Thomas Road Baptist Church and handed to individuals in a door-to-door campaign earlier in the week.

"It was a truly powerful weekend," said Diana G. Westbrook, co-chair of the weekend's events. "We know that the people in Lynchburg, including members of Thomas Road Baptist Church and students at Liberty University, are able to discern the difference between truth and untruth. Rev. Falwell is a prime nationwide source of untruth about homosexuals, and this weekend went a long way toward presenting the truth that God, who created us, loves us just the way we are."

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Interview with Dow Hicks, Owner, The Roost

*By Shawna L.
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WS: How long have you owned The Roost and how many people work for you?
DH: I have owned The Roost for the whole 25 years that it has been in operation. In the beginning, I had three partners, but they all moved to the coast over the first few years of operation. We employ about 30 people monthly on a semi-full-time and part-time basis.

WS: What did you do before The Roost?

DH: I worked as a manager for AGT/Telus for thirty years. For twenty of those years, I was also operating The Roost. I was president of Club 70 for awhile, which was the only mixed club at that time before we formed The Roost. Before that, there were no gay bars, nothing – just house parties.

WS: How did The Roost get its name?

DH: I was traveling in Hawaii and came across a straight bar called The Cock's Roost – seemed like a great name for a gay bar. We tried it for two days, and then dropped it, since the girls didn't like it.

WS: What was the grand

opening like?

DH: It was only one level back then – the bar was where the deli is now. The line up was down the street the first day. We had a rooster in a cage – one of my partner's at the time had a farm. Due to liquor licensing, we were only open weekends, but the bar carried its own.

WS: What is your day like at the club?

DH: I'm at the club every day for about an hour. I have every confidence in how my staff runs the facility. We have weekly meetings. On weekends, I generally stay until closing. I get enough of the club scene at The Roost, so I generally don't go out much.



WS: What was your very first gay bar experience?

DH: My first experience with gay bars was in both Vancouver and Seattle in the late '60's. I guess I am aging myself in this comment! We would drive all the way there for a long weekend. I can't even remember the name of the place in Vancouver. I went with a

few friends – I would never go to the bar by myself – even today. It just feels more comfortable to go with friends – you know you have someone to talk to...I was pretty nervous and people were really quite drunk. We danced – it was the first time for that too. Nobody from home was going to see you – that made people feel more comfortable. We stayed late and had a great time.

WS: What is it that you enjoy the most about running a club?

DH: Running this bar is a very interesting job as you meet all kinds of people, some more interesting than others of course, but that goes with the territory. I

think that gay and lesbian people are more demanding than regular straight patrons, so we have to make a greater effort to please them.

WS: What would surprise people about The Roost?

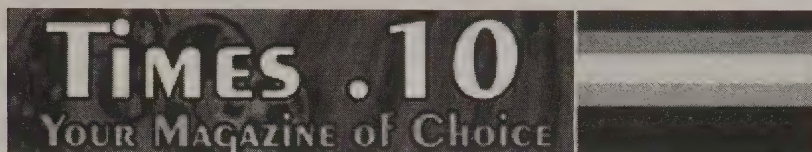
DH: I think one of the most surprising things about The Roost is its longevity. That is something that is always in the back of my mind.

WS: A brief history of the Roost?

DH: The Roost was started in September 1977 by Paul Tilroe, Robert Dean, Eugene Keith and myself. It was a while in the planning as we had a different location in mind, but that was not acceptable to the city on the basis of zoning. We occupied only the first floor at the time we opened and we were open only three nights per week – Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In 1980, we added a small patio on the north side and in 1985 increased its size. In 1989, we developed the second floor to give a different atmosphere with music appealing to another audience. The patio was again doubled in 1995 to its present size and capacity. Over our years of operation, we have always tried to appeal to the whole gay community and lately also to those sympathetic to our lifestyle. As we go into our second quarter century, we will try to continue to serve the needs of Edmonton's Gay and Lesbian community and look forward to meeting the needs of our group. We do seem to be losing the more senior members of the community as we perhaps do not meet

their needs and this is a concern to me, perhaps because that is my age group. We're not the largest community going, and we've always tried to serve all members of the community –including everyone is important.

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The Camping Trip

An elderly couple go camping for the first time in a good long while. There they are, sitting by the crackling fire, and the woman says to her husband, "I think I'll go take off my bra since no one is around." The husband says, "Sure honey, go right ahead." So the old woman disappears into the tent, returning a few moments later she poses in front of the fire. "How do I look?" "Wonderful!" says he. "Took all the wrinkles out of your face."

Guillotine Executions

A priest, a drunkard, and an engineer are sentenced to death by guillotine. The executioner asks the priest if he wants to face upward or downward when he meets his fate. The priest says that he would like to die face up, so that he will be looking toward Heaven when he dies. The blade of the guillotine is raised and released.

It comes speeding down and suddenly stops just inches from his throat. This is seen as a sign from God, and the priest is set free. Next, the drunkard goes to the guillotine. He also decides to die face up hoping that he will be as fortunate as the priest. Once again, the blade stops inches from the throat. Again, a miracle, and the drunkard is set free.

The engineer is next. He too decides to die facing up. The executioner slowly raises the blade of the guillotine. Suddenly the engineer exclaims, "Wait a minute! I see what your problem is."

The Dalmatian

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started to discuss the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." Then a third child brought the argument to a close... "They use the dog," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

Marriage in Heaven?

On their way to a justice of the peace to get married, this couple has a fatal car accident. The couple is sitting outside heaven's gate waiting on St. Peter to do an intake. In conversation while waiting, they wonder if they could possibly get married in Heaven.

St. Peter finally shows up and they ask him. St. Peter says, "I don't know, this is the first time anyone ever asked. 'Let me go find out,'" and he leaves. The couple sits for a couple of months and in conversation, they begin to wonder if they really should get married in Heaven, what with the eternal aspect of it all. "What if it doesn't work out?", "they wonder, "Are we stuck together forever?" St. Peter returns after yet another month, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informs the couple, "you can get married in Heaven." "Great," says the couple, "but what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced, slams his clipboard onto the

ground. "What's wrong?" exclaims the frightened couple. "Jeez!" St. Peter exclaims, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it's going to take for me to find a lawyer!?"

Hope For the Future

"A recent economic study revealed that the best time to buy anything is last year." - Marty Allen

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Legal Advice

A man went to his lawyer and told him, "My neighbour owes me \$500 and he doesn't want to pay up. What should I do?" "Do you have any proof?" asked the lawyer. "Nope," replied the man. "Okay, then write him a letter asking him for the \$1000 he owed you," said the lawyer. "But it's only \$500," replied the man. "Precisely. That's what he will reply and we will have the proof we need to nail him."

American Holidays

Osama bin Laden goes to a psychic who says "You will die on an American holiday". Needless to say bin Laden is shocked. "Which one?" he asks. "Doesn't matter", says the psychic. "Whatever day you die will become an American holiday."

Who's Calling?

A boy asks his father to explain the differences among irritation, aggravation, and frustration. His father picks up the phone and dials a number at random. When the phone is answered, he asks, "Can I speak to Alf, please?" "No! There's no one called Alf here," says the person who answered the phone. His father hangs up. "That's irritation," he says. He picks up the phone again, dials the same number, and asks for Alf a second time. "No-there's no one here called Alf. Go away. If you call again I shall telephone the police," the person says.

His father hangs up and says, "That's aggravation." "Then what's frustration?" asks his son. The father picks up the phone and dials the same number a third time. "Hello, this is Alf. Have I received any phone calls?" he asks casually.

All in a Day

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!"

Herman responded, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!!!"

Book Ends

Two old friends, haven't seen each other for several years when they happen to meet at the supermarket. After greetings and a little catching up, one fellow says to his friend,

"When I ran into you I was looking for my wife." "I'm looking for mine, too," says the other fellow. "By the way, how is your wife?" "Oh," says his friend, "I've just gotten married for the second time. You ought to see her. She is only 28 years old, a redhead with blue eyes. She used to be a model and has a perfect figure. Nobody wears clothes better than she can. In fact, today she's wearing tight red leotards and a see-through blouse—just a knockout. But enough about her. How's your wife?"

"Forget my wife," his friend says. "Let's go look for yours."

Secretary

Yesterday I came back to my office from Court. There was a new secretary (a very attractive blonde) in the office down the hall from me. She flagged me down and asked for help. "My floppy drive won't work, can

you help me?" she asked. I told her I'd look and proceeded over to her machine, where I found shredded up clear plastic Baggie-like stuff hanging out of her 3.5" floppy drive.

While I spent the next 20 minutes getting out her disk and digging out the plastic, I noticed two guys, John and Dave, in the hall trying awfully hard to keep straight faces. Suspecting some mischief, I asked her how the plastic got into the drive. "Oh, you mean the condom!", she said. "Condom???", I asked. "Yes, John & Dave over there told me to always put a condom on my disk before inserting it, to prevent catching viruses." By this point, John & Dave were roaring, and it was all I could do to keep from joining them. The "condom" turned out to be a standard 3.5" plastic sleeve. I delicately explained to her that a practical joke had

been played, and she shouldn't do that anymore, when she asked (as serious as one could be), "Does that mean I don't have to stroke it ten times or blow on it either???"

Not to Notice

Bush and Powell are sitting in a bar. A guy walks in and asks the barman, "Isn't that Bush and Powell?" The barman says, "Yep, that's them." So the guy walks over and says, "Hello, what are you guys doing?" And Bush says, "We're planning world war 3." And the guy says, "Really? What's going to happen?" And Bush says, "Well, we're going to kill 140 million Afghans this time and one bicycle repairman." And the guy exclaimed, "A bicycle repairman?!!!" So Bush turns to Powell and says, "See, I told you no-one would worry about the 140 million Afghans!"



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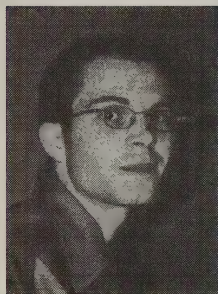
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My Monthly Neurosis

Rob Browatzke



I did have a request for a topic this month: the necessity of douching. In conversation, that topic expanded to include the whole spectrum of sexual hygiene. However, I have opted not to pursue that topic at this time, so in this column you will not hear about douching, shaving, trimming, hand-washing, or pulling it down to clean it up. Make it romantic when you take that trick home from the bar - shower together first. Problem solved.

I will also not be including any flowcharts or photocopied little-black-book pages. Just for novelty, in fact, I thought it might be interesting to write a column that could not, in any way, be traced

back to my life or the life of anyone I know. I ditched that idea too because people just can't fake neuroses, everything comes out of personal experience somehow. And no, the topic this month is not my inability to come up with a topic.

What is the source of men's obsession with being the first to bed a virgin? Is it a left-over from Neanderthal days where you hit your date on the head with a club and drag them back to your cave? It has to have its roots in some testosterone-based need to conquer. Claim new territory, and anyone who comes after can never say they were first. Macho pride at its "best".

Sharing intimate sexual fantasies can rejuvenate a relationship in a very primal way. Your partner is exposing himself emotionally by revealing his physical wants. Even if the fantasy never becomes reality, it is a re-affirmation of the existing bond. Telling each other your intimate desires can open the door to a wonderful new way of expressing your love for each other. Even if your partner's fantasy isn't something that really gets your own motor revving, being willing to compromise and try something different demonstrates a willingness to work on the relationship.

How do you reconcile your desire to spend time with your other half with a dislike

of his choice of friends or social settings? Again, compromise is the key. Sometimes, you've got to swallow your pride and socialize with people you dislike simply because they're important to your partner. Besides, if someone you care about so much sees good and fun in his friends, there is very likely common ground for you to bond with those friends over. If it means you get to spend more time with the one you love, what can it hurt?

Not all romantic relationships are lucky enough to start from friendship. That can be especially difficult to endure when the spark fizzles and you're left with building a friendship after

months of passion. Difficult, but not impossible. If both people want the friendship to last, it will. The added level of difficulty comes when one person wasn't ready to let go of the passion play. Still, that too can fade with time, and because of shared experience, these friendships can be some of the strongest and longest lasting.

So yet another column trickles to an uneventful halt. For those of you who'd made requests, I'm sorry for not dealing with them yet. Don't worry, I will someday. Be sure to check out former columns archived on Times .10's website, or my homepage at <http://members.shaw.ca/browatzke>. See you in December.



ERBA wishes to extend an invitation to all of its members and anyone wishing to become a member to attend our

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Queer As A Duck On A Bicycle

Lesbian couple rides for equal rights Why would two ordinary grandmothers get on bicycles and ride them 3100 miles across the country? For Carrie Stone and Elisia Ross, organizers of the Get All Your Ducks In A Row campaign, the motivation is justice and equality for lesbian and gay relationships.

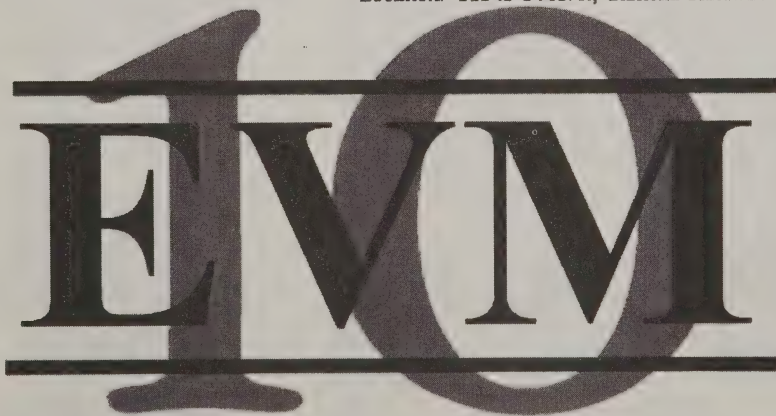
Stone and Ross are like ducks... appearing calm on the surface but paddling (pedaling) like crazy underneath! Equal marriage rights are so important to this lesbian couple, that on March 1st 2003, they begin a three-month bicycle ride from Florida to California just to call attention to the injustice inflicted every day on same-sex couples. The Get All Your Ducks In A Row campaign, nicknamed 'GAYducks,' evolved from their efforts to educate and encourage the LGBT community to put their wishes in a legal writing. The campaign offers clear and comprehensive legal and political information to the community so that individual gay men and lesbians will have the necessary tools to empower themselves and

participate in the political process. The ultimate goal of the campaign is to inspire political activism and to bring about positive changes in the laws affecting same-sex couples. To help make this vital information available, the campaign has a web site that is dedicated to its mission of legal equality for the community.

Starting in March 2003, weekly updates on the progress of the campaign and the ride will be posted on www.GAYducks.org < <http://www.GAYducks.org/> >. Stone and Ross vow to focus on this issue until the laws change. "Riding a bike across the country is no easy feat," says Ross who will turn 50 this year. "Carrie's daughter just

gave birth to our first grandchild in July of this year." The two are training for the ride by biking about 25 miles each day. "We hope to encourage grassroots level activism by providing organizing tools," explains Stone. "And," she continues, "we will be handing out information about state and local laws affecting gay rights as well as providing contact information for elected officials, candidates and other LGBT organizations." For more information about the campaign and the bike ride, log onto www.GAYducks.org < <http://www.gayducks.org/> >. Additional press releases and photographs can be found at <http://www.RainbowLaw.com/> mediakit/

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On The Death of Gay Rights Pioneer Harry Hay

**A Personal Message
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Reflection From Rev.
Troy Perry**

We are saddened by the death this week of Harry Hay, a true pioneer of the modern gay rights movement.

History will long remember Harry Hay for formulating the concept of homosexuals as an oppressed cultural minority group — a powerful concept that helped birth the movement for legal and social equality for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons. Hay founded The Mattachine Society, which was one of the earliest homosexual groups and one of the first groups to fight the police entrapment of gay males. During the 1950s and 1960, police entrapment was especially used to harass gay men. In one case, Hay helped to retain a lawyer for the

defendant, who publicly acknowledged is



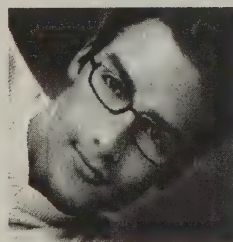
homosexuality and then went on to fight the legal charges. The jury acquitted

the defendant and this historic case helped to strengthen the gay equality movement.

During my first public protest for gay equality in Los Angeles in 1969, Harry Hay and his partner John Burnside joined me for three days of public protests and picketing at the State Steamship Company. A member of our Metropolitan Community Churches had been fired by the company solely because it was discovered he was gay. About the same time, a gay man in Los Angeles had died as a result of a police beating. These two

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events motivated me to call for the first public protest in Los Angeles, and I have always been thankful that Harry Hay and his partner John stood shoulder-to-shoulder with me and the members of Metropolitan Community Churches in that public event that helped to embolden the gay community of Los Angeles.

I had spoken with Harry very recently and we had planned to get together in San Francisco this weekend to share a meal. I spoke just this morning with John Burnside, Harry's partner of 39 years,

and John vividly recalled their participation at my first public demonstration in 1969.

I was especially moved during today's conversation with John when he said, "Harry always admired the work of Metropolitan Community Churches and often commented that MCC was one of the earliest groups to take a public stand for equal rights for gay men and lesbians."

In the late 70's, Harry became increasingly interested in the spiritual aspects of the gay community and was

instrumental in founding the Radical Faeries, a group committed to gay spirituality and ecology. He also devoted much of his life to Native American causes, women's issues and antiwar campaigns.

All people who believe in justice and equality owe a debt of gratitude for the vision and work of Harry Hay. I encourage all people of goodwill to remember the important ways in which Harry's life and activism have made our lives better, and to especially remember his partner, John Burnside, with your love and prayers during this time of loss.

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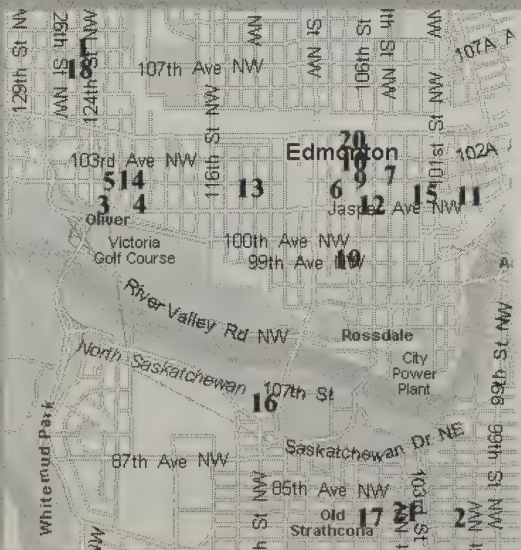
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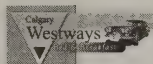
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Pedophiles and Child Molesters

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Pedophile Characteristics

A pedophile will usually exhibit a series of personality characteristics that are common in this type of offender. It is important to understand that these characteristics alone do not conclusively determine that a person is a pedophile. But if these indicators, combined with a pattern of behaviour that arouses suspicion, are present then there may be enough probable cause to believe that the person is a pedophile.

He carries on what can be termed "a special relationship" with a wife. Often pedophiles have failed marriages due to their sexual interests but remain in the marriage to mask their true intentions. Sadly, the wife sometimes knows about her husband's preference, but prefers to keep quiet to avoid social stigma and disgrace.

He displays a fascination or unusual interest in children. If an adult has an inordinate amount of interest in pre-

pubescent children, it doesn't confirm he is a pedophile, but it should at least arouse suspicion. He makes frequent references to children in exalted or exaggerated terms such as "pure," "innocent," "God sent," "blissful" and other descriptive labels that seem inappropriate and excessive. Remember that a pedophile cannot help the way he behaves and therefore will inadvertently reveal aspects about himself during speech.

He has hobbies or interests that commonly belong in the realm of a child's world such as toy collecting, building models of cars or planes. His home or room is decorated in a child's theme. And often, that theme will reflect the age bracket of his preferred victim.

He is over 30 years of age, single and has few or no friends his own age. He may also have frequent and unexplained changes of residence. He may be unable or unwilling to discuss why he lost his last job. He may have a military discharge that he cannot explain and a past that he cannot easily talk about.

He has systematic and prolonged access to children. Pedophiles, because of the wide age disparity between themselves and their victims, cannot just hang around children. The pedophile has to find a way to legitimize his contact with kids. He usually accomplishes this by obtaining employment in a field where he is forced to

deal with children on a daily basis. Jobs like schoolteachers, bus drivers, camp counsellors, photographers and sports coaching serve their needs perfectly. They will always volunteer for activities in which they are left alone with children with no parental supervision (Lanning, p. 19).

Pedophiles are also very adept at locating troubled or withdrawn children. They have acquired this skill through years of trial and error. They have come to identify what usually works and what usually doesn't. The most common technique used by pedophiles to obtain sex from children is the seduction method. This process is very similar to the classic boy/girl courtship. Though the child might be under 10-years-old, the pedophile will lavish gifts upon the target, take him or her to amusement parks, museums, restaurants and other places of interest. This author recalls a case in which a pedophile attempted to seduce a child who had an interest in music. The suspect escorted the boy to expensive Broadway plays like *Phantom of the Opera* and *Miss Saigon*. Afterwards, they ate in fashionable Manhattan cafes and went sightseeing. The child was just 8 years old. In another recent case, reported by the New York Times (February 2, 2000), a Bronx man lured neighbourhood children to his apartment with *Pokemon* cards and Chinese food. He then

abused a number of children after giving them marijuana and screening pornographic videos. The abused children later got together and attempted to set fire to the suspect's apartment.

If the target is a troubled child, the pedophile will comfort and sympathize with him or her. Often, over a period, the child will develop feelings for the offender even though he is being actively abused. The dynamics at work in this type of situation are well known to psychologists. This process of sympathizing with the offender has been called Stockholm syndrome. It was first recognized in 1973 after a notorious bank robbery in Sweden in which the hostages taken by the suspects began to develop feelings of attachment toward their captors. Children who are sexually victimized can feel the same way. This is often the case when the offender happens to be a member of the clergy or another traditional figure of trust. In early 2002, an elementary school bus driver pleaded guilty in Westchester County Court, New York, to abusing 9-year-old children on his bus during the trip home each day. The abuse may have gone on for as long as 15 years with a succession of students. In cases such as this, the events will not be reported because of the emotional attachment between offender and victim. Remember that pedophiles are masters in the manipulation of children. However, as the victim matures into adulthood, these benevolent feelings toward the abuser often dissipate and the painful truth of the abuse sets in.

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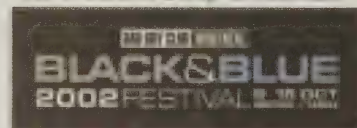
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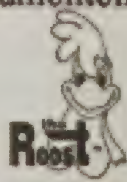


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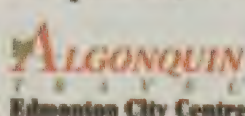
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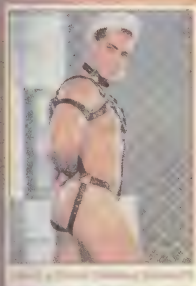
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Box 2178: I'm Ryan, 18, brown hair and eyes, 5'8", 130lb, just looking for that guy who will change my world and help this small town boy achieve his dreams. I'm looking for someone who is honest, reliable, caring and is not afraid to cry. 18-25. I just want to experience love, have been out there dating but it is not working for me so I hope this gives me the opportunity to meet that special someone.

friendship & hanging out

Box 1721: I'm Kevin, 28, very new to this and just looking to find someone to talk to and hang out. I'm still away in the closet and looking for friends that might help me to come out of it a little. I've brown hair and eyes, 5'8", 235lb, little bit overweight, but working on it. If you'd like to meet a down-to-earth kind of guy and you'd like to make even a friendship out of it, drop me a line. Age is not really a concern.

Box 1741: Asian, 32, 5'4", 115lb, I work two jobs, so I am constantly busy! I only ever get two days off per month. I like movies, walks

and conversation. I am seeking someone who also has a hectic schedule, but would like to take the time to make some new friends and have a real relaxed time.

Box 2112: I'm 22, just looking for friends to hang out with, possibly that is going to evolve into something else. I'm 6'1", 165lb, brown hair, blue-green eyes, very attractive. I am looking for someone who is very attractive, cares about their body and is on the masculine side. Let the shoulders relax, let us see what happens, see if anything develops, and if not we will be friends and hang out.

Box 2225: I'm Richard, 6'3", 241lb, a little chubby but not too much. I know I love are dance music, different varieties of other types of different music, too. My favourite singer is Madonna, I like drawing, I'm an artist. If you want to get to know me, then Great! Let's become friends or something more. If not, then friends are OK. I'm looking for a ransomer and an occasional drinker. Let's go out for coffee, to movies.

one night stands

Box 1429: I'm Jay, from Edmonton, 24, and a bigger, taller guy 6'5", 270lb, but I wear it well. I'm looking for sale, discreet men that want to have sex sex of some kind or another. I have given head, and I have had lots of compliments. I like to receive, I'm a top exclusively and am into safe sex. I love to have fun with guys. I love brown eyes. I like bigger guys like myself, or chasers.

Box 1818: I'm masculine and discreet, 6'175lb, average build and looks, straight ahead. Looking for other white males, 18-35. Looking for a bottom, but not necessarily. If you are adventurous and want to have some fun, hot times, get back.

Box 2072: I'm horny, very good-looking, tall, muscular, 6'8" uncult, hairy. Looking for someone well-endowed. We can meet at your place or my place. I'm a top and like sucking, getting sucked. You're well-endowed.

Box 2109: Tien here. I'm 40, 5'9", 155lb, black hair and hazel eyes, 7-1/2" cut. I need to get together with young guys up to age of 21, for some playing around and some good, safe fun.

Box 2151: I'm 20, 5'4", slim, smooth, fit, toned bottom guy. Looking for a top, 18-35, who can entertain.

Box 2158: I'm Andy, 40, top, from out of town. I travel to Edmonton regularly. I'm looking for someone for casual get-togethers, someone who can entertain when I'm in town.

Box 2224: I'm 140lb nice ass, nice lips, hot and horny, looking for older men 40s-50s, couples or more. You have to be older though. I want it now, all day long. Just give it to me. Are you out there?

Box 2272: Guy from Grand Prairie, brown hair and eyes, tanned, workout, 195lb, very fit, 6'1/2" uncult, very new to this. Would like to try it.

Box 2224: I'm 43, 6' 185lb, closer to 180lb, short dark hair, going grey, mustache. Horny cock-head, like ketchup, ass eater, bareback top. Looking for travelers under 40 passing through Red Deer. You want to stop off, get it on.

Box 2201: Male, late 30s looking for a man in his 40s-50s for some hot and discreet fun.

Box 2330: BI white male calling from Grand Coast looking to meet other guys in the area. Willing to travel. I'm 5'11", 160lb, 6-1/2". Willing to travel or if someone can travel to me, let's go from there. I'm a top, dominant. Let's have some fun.

Box 2264: BI guy, 6' 170lb, short blond hair, blue eyes, clean-shaven. Good build, hairy chest, about 8-1/2" uncult, top. Like giving and receiving.

Box 2378: I'm 27, 6'1", green eyes, brown hair, Caucasian, 7" uncult, can entertain. What I'm looking for is any guys who are out to suck cock that can come over, drop my pants, sit down and suck my cock. I'm discreet and I'm honest.

Box 2388: I'm 5'8", medium build. Looking for some action and some hot men maybe for friendship of possibly a relationship.

group scenes & public sex

Box 2794: I'm Jim, looking for college or university guys, guys who want to get together for some hot oral fun. I'm available day or night to entertain for frat parties or back to school bashes. If you want a hot horny cock-eater to service a whole gang load of guys, I'm available. I'm not into outdoor sex. Only hot indoor man-to-man action. The more men, the merrier and the more dick the better. I know how to take care of all of you.

total tops

Box 2325: I'm 6'2", broad shoulder, husky build, short black hair, mustache. Very dominant, looking for submissive boys out there. Like guys with nice round butts. Cock doesn't matter how big it is, as long as you've got a nice round ass for me to grab onto and squeeze with my big hands. I like my cock being sucked, my balls being licked and played with, and to suck cock. Age does not matter as long as you are legal. I'm 40, give me a shout and let's get off.

Box 2418: Two guys, one is 6', 200lb, the other is 175lb, 5'9", both fit and work out, both with hairy 7" cocks, clean and sex.

submissive bottoms

Box 2241: I'm 30, horny, bottom, shaved balls and love to please, looking for a guy to satisfy twice a day. You want your member served. I'm looking for a top guy.

Box 2410: I'm Michael, 5'9" 190lb, 45" chest, 32" waist, 18" arms, very muscular arms, brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, 7" uncult, smooth body, definitely bottom, love sucking cock and getting sucked, nice

tight firm small ass. Looking for a top any age, prefer guys bigger than average, cut or uncult, wouldn't mind being dominated by a couple of guys.

first-timers & bi guys

Box 1115: I'm 55, cock is 5", looking for a guy to rub up and down, kissing, masturbation, I love masturbating.

Box 2023: I'm 51, married and cannot entertain. Looking to meet with individuals on a regular basis. I'm a top, bottom, versatile, clean, discreet and honest.

Box 2052: I'm clean, discreet, white, early 50s, 5'11", 200lb, average build, enjoy oral, and sometimes I'm a top. I'd like to meet others 40-50s.

Box 2132: I've never been with a guy, but interested in giving and receiving oral. I'm attractive, hairless, into shaving, 6' cut, nice ass, 5'8", 160lb, blue eyes, nice body. I'm into trying anything.

Box 2180: I'm 6'2", broad shoulders, 40, 5' cut, nice mustache, head, thick, love to suck and get sucked, looking for guys with a nice round bubble butt. I like to grab a guy's ass, kiss it, lick it and suck on it.

transgender & trans admirers

Box 2429: I'm an attractive, young transvestite, looking to get together with open-minded wild guys who want to have fun. I'm very good looking, exotic, erotic and a whole lot of fun.

leather & SM

Box 2234: I'm 45, 6'2", 210lb, medium athletic build, short brown hair, mustache, shaved body, 6" uncult, thick, smooth and trimmed, very open-minded and fun. I can entertain, have a play room with toys and equipment. I'm looking to increase my leather collection. I can switch from top to bottom, love group action, looking to play and play hard.

bears & big men

Box 1231: I'm 45, heavy-set guy, male, 5'9" 260lb, bottom, short dark hair, mustache and goatee, some body hair, can entertain mornings and early afternoons.

Box 2238: I'm 47, single, while, a big bear, 5'11", 280lb, hairy body, dress and act masculine. I pretend to be tough and macho, but in my heart I've always known that really I'm a big sissy. I'm looking for a dominant male to meet with me and make me dress and behave like one. If you would enjoy taking a large masculine bear and making him wear women's clothing, making him walk and act feminine while he serves you, you can teach me to become your feminine partner while I please you and sometimes I'm top. I'm looking for someone to enjoy being in control, humiliating me, teaching me, and training me.

fetishes, kink & raunch

Box 1238: I'm 6' 200lb, head is shaved, wear glasses, very hairy all the time. There is absolutely nothing that I won't get into, nothing that I won't do. I like things that are on the edge. Anything goes.

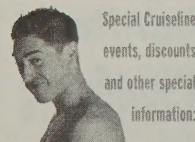
Box 2278: I'm Ben, 6'1", 220lb, good shape, 6' cut, looking for discreet encounters, willing to anything else, anytime even twice.

shemales & crossdressers

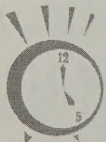
Box 2069: I'm attractive, white, 6', 200lb, clean-cut and clean-shaven, 32" waist, muscular build, tanned and toned. Looking for a transgendered transsexual, for encounters or more. Looking for someone passable.

Box 2139: I love to be sucked and suck on your cock. I know you've dressed up just for me.

Box 2148: I'm really horny, good-looking, 30, 6'10", never really done it before, but very much into it. Would like to meet somebody cause I'm really looking horny.



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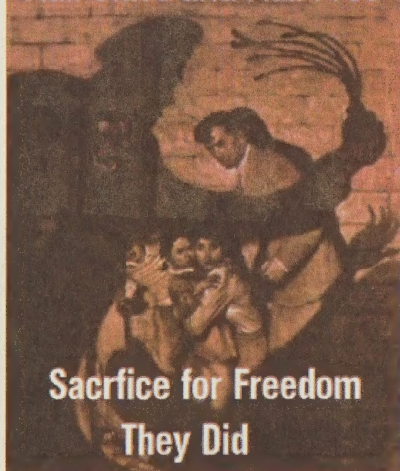
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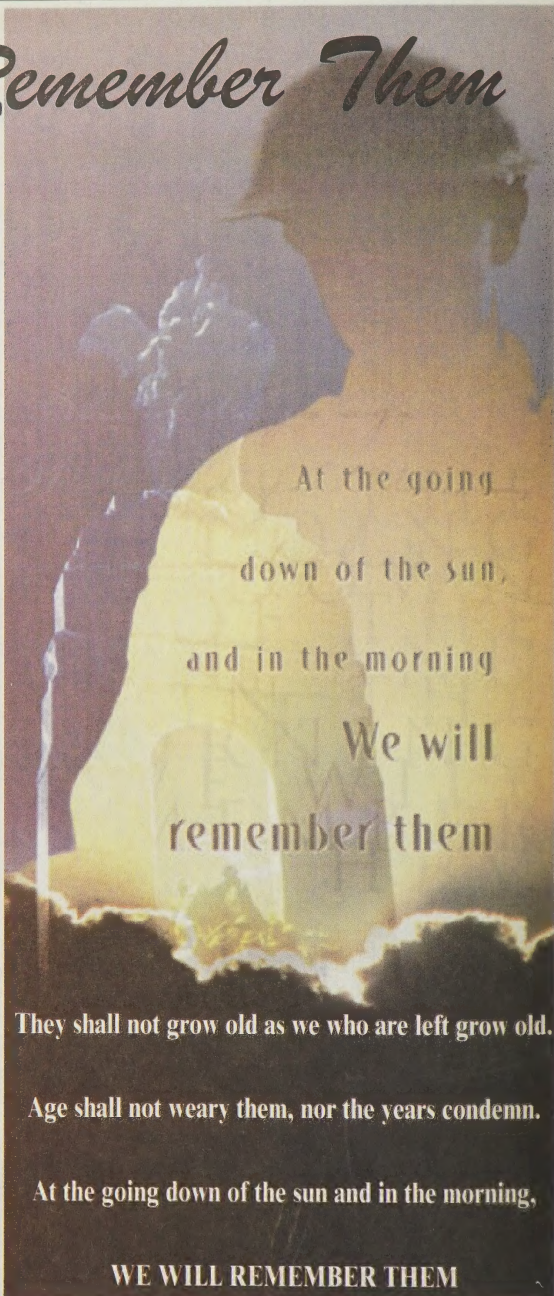
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"This World cannot Exist
Half Slave and Half Free"



**Sacrifice for Freedom
They Did**



At the going
down of the sun,
and in the morning
We will
remember them

They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM